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Welcome to the Fall edition of the Chippewa County Messenger.

It is my goal to keep families up to date on current events in the 4-H realm while also highlighting the recent happenings within 4-H.

**Happy Birthday
Michigan 4-H.**

We continue to celebrate the 100 years of 4-H in Michigan and look forward to 100 more. Also, **Happy New 4-H Year!** True fact, the 4-H calendar year runs from September 1st to August 31. As we embark on this new 4-H year I encourage each club to set goals and think of exciting

ways to meet the ever changing needs of its members. Parents, I encourage you to extend a helping hand to your club leader. There is often much to be done, and an extra set of hands is always useful. Leaders, how can we continue the 4-H motto of making the best better? We've got a great challenge to face, and one that very much is worthwhile. 4-H members, what would you like to see? Many talented volunteers are doing their best to ensure you are getting the best 4-H experience possible. Share your ideas with them on what you'd like to see. Happy New 4-H Year, I look forward to the many exciting opportunities and experiences. -Andrea

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Michigan 4-H Youth Conservation Council (M4-HYCC)

The application deadline for the Michigan 4-H Youth Conservation Council (M4-HYCC) is only a month away! Teens are needed to serve as members and 4-H and/or Natural Resources Educators and volunteers are being sought to serve as advisors.

The application time line is:

by October 10, 2008 -- youth submit their application to the 4-H staff at their local MSU Extension Office.

by October 17, 2008 -- County MSU Extension staff forward applications to Andrea Grix, M4-HYCC Coordinator, Kettunen Center.

M4-HYCC is a terrific personal development, service learning and leadership opportunity for teens ages 13 to 19 – and the adult advisors. The council researches and helps resolve environmental issues by working with state and local government. M4-HYCC advisors and teens attend a fall, winter and spring planning workshop/meeting with the teens, meet occasionally by conference call and help prepare the youth for their presentation to Michigan legislative committees in April. More information – including a promo flier, invitation letter, advisor job description and application – can be found at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/m4hycc.html>. For more information, contact Andrea Grix with any questions or concerns at agrix@kettunencenter.org or 231-829-3421.





Exploration Days 2008—Trip Wrap Up

Held each summer on the MSU campus, Chippewa County sent an outstanding delegation to the 2008 Exploration Days. There were **thirteen** youth participants

and **four** 4-H leaders/staff that put Chippewa County on the map for Exploration Days. Participants took sessions in everything from World

Dance, to Garden Chefs, and Feeding and Caring for your market livestock. A special thank you goes to both the 4-H Youth Development State Program and the Chippewa County 4-H Council for offering scholarships for our youth and leaders to attend this event.

Exploration Days in an annual event held on the MSU campus. More information can be found at:

<http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/expodays.html>

Dates for next years Exploration Days are June 24-26, 2009.



EOP Teens Help Potter Park Zoo

4-H Exploration Days participants from Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac counties volunteered two hours to help clean flower beds, and landscaping at the Potter Park Zoo in Lansing before heading to MSU campus to begin Exploration Days. Some raked out flower beds and prepared them for new mulch while others pulled weeds. The teens really surprised the park maintenance crew with their speedy and very efficient work skills! After the clean up, it was voted to return to the zoo as a kick off for Exploration Days 2009 for a similar service learning project. It was a great opportunity for everyone to see a few different animals while kindly volunteering their time. Potter Park really appreciated the efforts.



U.P. State Fair Livestock Skillathon Participants

Held at the U.P. State Fair in August, eleven 4-H youth and leaders from Chippewa County tested their knowledge. In total, there were 157 participants at the skillathon. From Chippewa County: Juniors: Alex Crimin, Haley Lamb, Bobbie Love, Chelsea Kronemeyer, Christy Galloway (4th in class), James Love (1st in class), Alyssa McCord, Nathen Kronemeyer Seniors: Tiffany McCord (3rd in class), Abbie Galloway (7th in class) Adults: Tina Love (3rd in class). Thanks to all for representing Chippewa County and doing a great job!

Local Family Experience 4-H International Exchange

The Shiemke family of Noah's Ark 4-H Club learned about the Japanese culture without leaving the comfort of their home this summer. Their Japanese student, Hakuri, was excited to learn the family's customs and culture, values, foods, clothes, and lifestyle. And, she made friends, met other young people, and learned more about communicating in English!

The dates of the exchange were July 26 through August 22, and will be similar in 2009.

The 4-H/Japanese Exchange program is one of the

largest exchange programs involving North American and Japanese youth in the world. Since 1972 over 25,000 students have stayed with families in North America, and more than 4,000 American students have made reciprocal visits to Japan. Next summer, take the opportunity to open your hearts and homes to an exchange student and allow your entire family to enjoy a new experience they are sure to never forget!

For more information or to obtain a host family

application, contact the Chippewa County MSU Extension office or Vera Wiltse at 989-772-0911 ext. 302 or wiltsev@msu.edu



4-H Scholarships

MSU Senior Scholarship

Annually, Michigan State University offers six scholarships to Michigan residents who have participated in 4-H and are applying to MSU as a freshmen for four-year degree programs. The 4-H Senior scholarship provides one-fourth of the annual tuition for four succeeding years of full-time study at MSU, a valuable opportunity. Selection criteria includes:

- Outstanding achievement in 4-H.
- 4-H involvement at county, regional, state, national or international levels.
- Scholastic excellence.

- Leadership and citizenship contributions both inside and outside 4-H.
- Broad range of 4-H experiences and project involvement.

Please note that 4-H seniors must submit their application to their high school guidance counselor and their county 4-H staff person, allowing enough time for them (counselor/staff) to complete their part of the application process before forwarding to MSU Admissions. To be considered for the MSU 4-H Scholarship, students must have both their MSU admission application AND their MSU 4-H scholarship application on file with the MSU Admissions Office by November 1, 2008.

Other Scholarships

- Michigan 4-H Foundation Scholarship
- Schunk Memorial 4-H Beef Scholarship
- Alpha Gamma Rho 4-H Scholarship
- Michigan Rabbit & Cavy 4-H Scholarship
- Michigan Farm & Garden Association 4-H Scholarship
- MSU Pre-college Scholarship for 8th Graders

More information can be found at:

<http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/scholar.html>

or by calling the MSU Extension office

4-H Teen Club Travels to Missouri



This summer the Chippewa County 4-H Teen club participated in an exchange trip to Missouri. Club leaders, Elaine Love and Barb Hillock, planned an exciting week that included stops at the St. Louis Zoo, Gateway Arch (pictured at left), Fantastic Caverns, Bass Pro Shop, Lincoln Home National Historic site, and of course, the exchange with 4-H families in Missouri. The group traveled from July 12 through the 20th and will look forward to hosting youth from Missouri in 2009.



Upcoming Kettunen Center Workshops:

Kettunen Center, a complete conference and retreat facility located on Center Lake in Tustin, Michigan, is the primary 4-H volunteer and youth development conference center from MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development programs.



2008-09 4-H Volunteer & Youth Training Workshop Schedule

2008

Sept. 27-28 4-H Global and Cultural Education
Oct. 4 Fall Galaxy for State 4-H Horse Event Committees
Oct. 11-12 4-H Clothing & Textiles
Oct. 24-26 4-H Goat Volunteer Leader Workshop
Nov. 1-2 4-H Crafts, Visual Arts and Performing Arts Workshop
Nov. 21-23 4-H Teen Horse Leaders' Conference

2009

Jan 9-11 4-H Horse Judges and Show Managers Conference
Jan. 16-18 The Future is You!
Jan. 24-25 4-H Teen Citizenship, Leadership & Service
Feb. 27-28 4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leader Wksp
Feb. 28-Mar. 1 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leader Workshop
Mar. 14-15 Family Science 2009
Mar. 21-22 4-H Environmental & Outdoor Education Adult & Teen Leader Training Workshop
Apr. 4-5 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Volunteer Workshop
Apr. 17-19 2009 4-H Dairy Conference
Apr. 24-26 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop

2009 Michigan Week Youth Photo Contest

What: All Michigan youth are invited to get out your camera and photograph a favorite Michigan historic site

Who: Youth aged 9-19, as of January 1, 2009 are eligible to submit up to two photos

When: Entry submission deadline is February 15, 2009

For more information and application call the MSUE office at 635-6368 or online at:
<http://web1.msue.msu.edu/msue/cyf/youth/visarts.html>



Club possibilities??

4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge Leader Training

The 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge program uses the biggest classroom available—the outdoors—to help your members develop a variety of life skills. We are looking to start an 4-H Challenge club in Chippewa County. If you, or someone you know would like to be involved in the Challenge program, please call Andrea at the MSUE office.

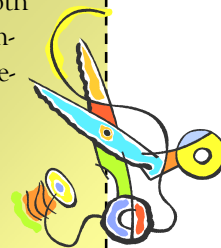


4-H Sewing Club & 4-H Home Economics Clubs starting.

Works are underway for both Sewing and Home Economics/Crafts clubs. Knowledgeable 4-H leaders will lead the club.

MEMBERS WANTED

Space is limited for these clubs. Contact Andrea if you are interested in these project areas.



Events & Reminders:

Leader Training & Potluck

Annual Leader Training & Awards Banquet will be held for all 4-H Leaders

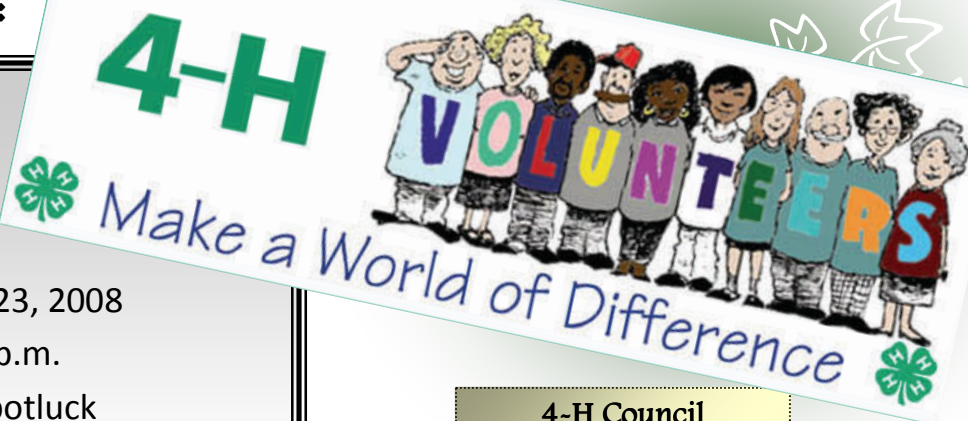
Thursday, October 23, 2008

6:00—8:30 p.m.

Starting with potluck

Kinross Township Hall

See you there!



4-H Council

Meeting:

October 6, 2008

6:30 pm @ the MSUE office

All 4-H leaders and members welcome!

Next meeting:

December 1, 2008

Club Fundraisers

Just a reminder: Any club is welcome to do fundraisers to financially support 4-H projects they are planning. Clubs wishing to do a fundraiser MUST submit a 4-H fundraiser application form and report. Both forms can be obtained from the MSUE office.



Fundraising Idea:

Wreath Sale

Hasn't fall just begun? However, if your club is looking for a winter fundraising idea, Gary Shilts is willing to work with clubs on a wreath fundraiser. If you are interested, contact Andrea for details.

Staying Up-To Date

Do we have your current email address? It is a feasible way for us to pass on information about 4-H happenings so families can take advantage of all 4-H offers, both locally and statewide. Events are posted in this newsletter, but often are time sensitive. If you would like to be part of the email listing of 4-H news, let Andrea know by emailing caspera@msu.edu

2009 U.P. Leadermete

The annual U.P. Leadermete will be held April 3 & 4, 2009. The location is yet to arranged.

Leadermete is an annual event designed to offer a selection of informative, hands-on workshops to both teen and adult 4-H leaders to enhance their knowledge and skills as a leader or member.

It is also a great chance to meet leaders and members from throughout the U.P. and tap into their knowledge base, and hear what is going on in other county's 4-H program.

There will soon be a "call for workshops." If you'd like to share your talent and knowledge in the form of a workshop presentation at the 2009 leadermete, contact Andrea for details on a workshop proposal submission.

No News?

If 4-H family or friends are not receiving this newsletter, it is because we have not received their registration forms and fee to register them! Why is this important? It helps us all track our 4-H careers & projects. Please keep us up-to-date so we can keep our 4-H families up-to-date.



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Upcoming Events:

We're on the WEB!
[www.msue.msu.edu/
chippewa](http://www.msue.msu.edu/chippewa)

Event (local events in bold)	Date	Location
4-H Family Reunion	Oct. 4	Kettunen Center
National 4-H Week	Oct. 5-11	Nationwide!
4-H Council Meeting	Oct. 6	MSUE Office
4-H Clothing & Textiles Volunteer Workshop	Oct. 11-12	Kettunen Center
4-H Leader Update Training	Oct. 23	Kinross Twsp Hall
4-H Goat Volunteer Leader Workshop	Oct. 24-26	Kettunen Center
4-H Teen Horse Volunteer Leader's Conference	Nov. 21-23	Kettunen Center
4-H Council Meeting	Dec. 1	MSUE Office
The Future is You! Workshop	Jan. 9-11	MSU
4-H Teen Citizenship, Leadership & Service Conference	Jan. 24-25	Kettunen Center
MSUE/4-H Youth Day: Cheer Spartan Women Basketball	Jan. 25	MSU Campus
4-H Family Tubing Day	TBA	Minneapolis Woods
U.P. Teen Overnight	Feb. 6-7	TBA
Capitol Experience	March 22-25	Lansing/Capitol
U.P. Leadermete	April 3-4	TBA
Exploration Days	June 24-26	MSU Campus
<i>Most events have registration deadlines, if interested contact the 4-H Office today!</i>		